4. M/s. S. Veer & Co., Graduate Partnership of Delhi.

5. M/s. Bhumiaji & Co., Graduate Partnership of Delhi.

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1. M/s. R. D. Vimal & Co., Graduate Partnership concern of Delhi.

2. M/s. Bhumiaji & Co., Graduate Partnership concern of Delhi.

3. Shri Brahm Swarup Misra of Allahabad.

4. Kum. Sudha Misra of Allahabad.

5. M/s. Shikshit Berojgar Mudran Prakashan Shahkari Samiti Ltd., Allahabad.

6. M/s. A. H. Wheeler & Co., Allahabad.

7. Shri Ajmat Khan of Allahabad.

8. Shri Prabha Kant Tiwari of Allahabad.

9. M/s. Pandey & Singh Brothers of Allahabad.

10. Shri Gurmukh Dass Kevel Ram Gokhlani, Graduate of Allahabad.

11. Shri Vijay Kumar Misra, Unemployed Graduate of Allahabad.

12. Shri Om Prakash Rai of Allahabad.

13. Kum. Ranjana Gupta of Allahabad.

14. Shri Kishore Kumar Sharma, Graduate of Allahabad.

15. Shri N. N. Pathak, Secretary of Allahabad Ex-Sainik Motor Pariwahan Sahkari Samiti Ltd., Allahabad.

16. Shri Sudhakar Pandey, Graduate of Mirzapur (did not turn up for interview).

Sole selling clause in allotment of book stalls on railway platforms

2362. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the policy letter No. 76/TGIII/461/20 of 2nd June 1976 was issued to Zonal Railways after consultation with Legal Adviser of the Ministry of Law regarding sole selling right in allotment of book stalls on railway platforms;

(b) what is the number of bookstalls agreement zone-wise, in which sole selling right clause is provided prior to January 1976 and withdrawn as per Board's letter No. 75/TGIII/161/19 dated 2nd January, 1976 during the currency of the agreements; and

(c) what is the number of bookstall agreements zone-wise in which the sole selling right clause is provided after January, 1976?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The letter was issued after consultation with Legal Advisor of Railway Board. However, this letter was subsequently cancelled.

(b) and (c) Number of bookstall agreements, zone-wise, having sole selling rights clause prior to 1976, number of bookstall agreements from which sole selling rights were withdrawn as a result of Boards letter dated 2-1-1976; and number of bookstall agreements in which sole selling rights clause was continued are shown in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 109]

Removal of a top railway official

2363. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a top Western Railway official has been relieved of his post recently;